

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Congressman Steve King today made the following statement after signing a petition to discharge H.Res. 847 - the “Sunshine Resolution” - from the House Committee on Rules. H.Res. 847 expresses the sense of the House of Representatives that any meetings held to determine the final content of sweeping health care legislation be held in public view and not behind closed doors: Currently, 151 bipartisan Members are cosponsors of H.Res. 847. Once this discharge petition reaches 218 signatures, liberals will have to do what they promised – open up the negotiations for the public to see. King’s statement follows:

**“We have reached the point where President Obama, Speaker Pelosi and Senator Reid command America as a ruling troika. Their ability to bribe legislators in secret back room dealing is the only check and balance on the power of this Ruling Troika. No Congressional action, previously taken, binds in any way the decisions they make as they write a brand new socialized medicine bill whose purpose is to expand a dependency class to perpetuate the ruling class.**

**“Thomas Jefferson once said, ‘Large initiatives should not be advanced on slender majorities.’ The Troika, operating with the secrecy of the KGB, is drafting and crafting a socialized medicine plan designed to get the minimum number of votes. They will produce a final bill that, as much as possible, looks like the world of Karl Marx and as little as possible like that of Adam Smith.”**

**“Obama, Pelosi and Reid are as close to having achieved absolute power as has been reached in modern times. We know what Lord Acton had to say about absolute power.”**

### **BACKGROUND:**

- A discharge petition can take a bill out of committee and place it on the House floor for consideration without leadership cooperation. A discharge petition requires signatures from 218 House members (an absolute majority) to move the bill.